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Photo by Tim Frantz

TOP-LEVEL AIR FORCE VISITORS

Florida Wing members representing Civil Air Patrol at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando March 13-14 had the opportunity to meet with some top-level Air Force leaders. Pictured, from left, are Lt. Col. David Mosely, Lake County Composite Squadron, Cadet Maj. Kimberly Calabrese, Valencia Cadet Squadron, Air Force Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command, Air Force Gen. Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, and Lt. Col. John Lynn, Florida Wing Headquarters.

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CAP to receive NAA's 2002 Frank G. Brewer trophy

NAA to present trophy April 4 at 2003 National Congress on Aviation and Space Education in Cincinnati, Ohio

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force auxiliary best known for its search and rescue duties, has been selected to receive the National Aeronautic Association's prestigious Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Education Trophy for 2002.

Established in 1943, the award recognizes "significant contributions of enduring value" in the field of aerospace education.

CAP won the Brewer Trophy for more than a half-century of leadership in educating the nation's young people on the many opportunities available to them in the fields of aviation and space flight.

In announcing the winner of the Brewer award, NAA President Donald Koranda said, "This trophy bears witness to the ability of CAP's

people and programs to make a difference in the aerospace education field and to our society. They provide teachers with exceptional educational materials and inspire young people with the opportunities for aviation and space careers. Their efforts are helping create aerospace-minded citizens who will be prepared for the challenges of the future."

Since CAP's inception by Executive Order on Dec. 1, 1941, its mission has included emergency services to help Americans in distress, an aviation-oriented cadet citizenship development program and an aerospace education program.

Of special importance, Koranda said, are CAP's efforts over the last five years to reach out to CAP cadets, high schools and colleges, with

a new textbook entitled *Aerospace: The Journey of Flight*, and with a six-volume aviation and space curriculum, entitled *Aerospace Dimensions*, for middle schools.

CAP prepared these materials largely with volunteer assistance, saving American taxpayers an estimated \$350,000. Federal funding for CAP has been reduced significantly since the end of the Cold War.

Koranda noted additional CAP programs that made the organization a natural choice for the Brewer trophy. These include the Aerospace Education Excellence Award Program for CAP Units and K-12 Schools, Aerospace Education Membership Program for teachers, and new Aerospace Educational Packets and Opportunities for Schools initiatives. These programs are reaching a broad range of teachers and students through the persistent efforts of CAP's staff and volunteer coordinators.

CAP's conferences and workshops reach over 10,000 teachers annually, who in turn touch over 300,000 students.

This is the second time CAP has been selected as a Brewer winner. The Trophy was given to the organization in 1952 for development of the CAP Cadet and Teacher Training Program.

This year's award will be presented to CAP at a luncheon in Cincinnati at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education conference on April 4, 2003.

Frank G. Brewer established the Brewer Trophy in 1943 in honor of his two sons, Frank Jr. and Robert, and the million and a half other young people who were put into the air to serve our country during World War II.

A distinguished panel of NAA members and aerospace educators, assembled each year by the NAA president, selects the winner.

Leaders spend week in D.C. discussing homeland security

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol leaders spent a week in Washington, D.C., Jan. 21-24 discussing homeland security issues.

CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling and his staff visited a number of potential homeland security partners.

Bowling and Col. Drew Alexa, CAP's coordinator of Advanced Technologies, briefed the Defense Intelligence Agency Jan 21. The briefing was arranged by Dr. John Kershenstein, chief of the Advanced Concepts Branch at the Naval Research Laboratory, and cochair of DIA's Measurement and Signature Intelligence Working Committee.

Kershenstein informed Bowling and Alexa after the meeting that the consensus of the committee

was that CAP's hyperspectral imaging initiative would position CAP as one of the primary national HSI assets.

Bowling, Col. Larry Kauffman, CAP chief of staff, Alexa, Air Force Maj. Jim Macko and Cliff Smith attended a briefing at the NRL on Jan. 22 to learn about their new state-of-the-art communications system known as Software Defined Radio. SDR can work as a stand-alone system or in conjunction with the NRL's mobile InfraLynx system, which is a rapidly deployable, interoperable communications infrastructure that provides high-assurance telephony, and network and radio connectivity. InfraLynx was used to restore communications in New York City after the attack on the World Trade Center.

■ Texas Wing put on alert immediately after crash

CAP wings search for shuttle debris

Melanie LeMay
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — After space shuttle Columbia crashed Feb. 1, Civil Air Patrol was called upon to assist in recovering debris scattered across several states.

Ironically, CAP members in Florida had flown security missions above the Columbia launch site only three weeks before, demonstrating the range of needs CAP has been able to meet in the homeland security arena.

CAP units in Texas were placed on alert immediately following the crash and CAP's National Operations Center at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., established ongoing contact with the first-responder agencies.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials worked with local law enforcement and federal

emergency management officials in Texas to set up the response protocol, and CAP was asked to join the effort on Feb. 7.

John Desmarais, chief of Emergency Services at CAP National Headquarters, immediately left for Texas to serve as the headquarters liaison officer, operating out of the command post at Barksdale AFB, La., and working with the Texas Wing incident commander, Lt. Col. Bobbie Daniels.

Initially, Texas Wing aircrews flew sorties around the Dallas-Fort Worth area using digital cameras and slow-scan video to document the location of possible shuttle debris for further investigation. Wing ground crews followed up, working with the Department of Public Safety.

Within days, the missions expanded to include the Arizona, California, Utah and Nevada wings.

At press time, CAP had

Initially, Texas Wing aircrews flew sorties around the Dallas-Fort Worth area using digital cameras and slow-scan video ...

flown more than 400 hours in support of the recovery and had identified numerous pieces of debris for further investigation.

Headquarters staff remained on site in the first critical days of the missions, and the NOC was manned continuously to provide support. CAP worked not only with the NASA Mishap Investigation Team, but also with various federal, state, and local agencies and organizations, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Transportation and National Transportation Safety Board.

CAP wins two Advance America awards for its Sept. 11 response, ES operations

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NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol has won two Awards of Excellence in the 2003 Association Advance America Awards program, a national competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives of Washington, D.C.

CAP was honored for its relief efforts after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as well as for its overall emergency services operations.

The all-volunteer CAP, with almost 64,000 members nationwide, performs more than 93 percent of inland search and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., in the continental United States.

CAP is now in the running to receive ASAE's national Summit Award, the organization's highest level of recognition.

Now in its 13th year, the

Association Advance America Awards program recognizes associations that propel America forward - with innovative projects in education, skills training, stan-

the various state and federal agencies that were called into action after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11," said Al Allenback, executive director of Civil Air Patrol. "Ours

were the first civilian planes allowed in the air above 'Ground Zero' after the attacks, and our members performed significant reconnaissance work to assess the damage. We also

transported law enforcement and medical personnel and equipment throughout the country to support the heightened security resulting from the attacks.

"Not long after that, America faced another security crisis with the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and CAP was there to perform aerial reconnaissance and support security communications every day of the events.

"We continue to support missions for America's law enforcement and rescue agencies, both on the ground and in the air. This award from ASAE provides great validation for the selfless work our members perform each and every day."

dards-setting, business and social innovation, knowledge creation, citizenship and community service. Although such association activities have a powerful impact on everyday life, they often go unnoticed by the general public.

"CAP's program truly embodies the spirit of the Association's Advance America campaign," said ASAE President Michael S. Olson. "It is an honor and an inspiration to showcase this activity as an example of the many contributions associations are making to advance American society."

"Few members of the general public really understand the far-reaching role CAP played in supporting

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'Lt. Col.' Walter Jones

North Carolina Congressman **Walter Jones**, center, receives his honorary Civil Air Patrol membership certificate from **Maj. Aaron Harper**, North Carolina Wing's legislative liaison officer, as **Maj. Billy Cline**, commander of Group VII, looks on. Jones is a member of the Armed Services Committee and represents the 3rd Congressional District, which includes Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. One of the reasons Jones was honored is because of his efforts in making sure CAP cadets receive letters of appointment to various military academies.



Army National Guard Capt. Michele Peeler

CAP soars at expo



Photo by Tim Frantz

CAP National Executive Director Col. Al Allenback sits in the cockpit of an Ohio Wing Blanik glider during the 2003 Air Sports Expo, hosted by the Soaring Society of America in Dayton Jan. 23-25, as **Gary Woodsmall**, CAP's chief of Safety, and **Col. Andrew Shepherd**, a Spaatz cadet with Ohio Wing's Don Gentile Composite Flight, look on. CAP representatives talked to hundreds of visitors at their expo booth, and Allenback briefed both the SSA board of directors and the general assembly on CAP's glider program.

Utah Wing scores save, find

WYOMING — Officials with the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., credited Wyoming Wing with both a find and save for locating a man missing for more than two nights in near-zero temperatures and snow.

The 49-year-old man left the northeast Wyoming city of Gillette around noon on Jan. 15. He told his mother he was heading out to a rural road to look for his lost wallet. When he didn't return about 24 hours later, she reported him missing.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office immediately began searching using local resources, and they notified the Wyoming Wing on Jan. 16. The AFRCC opened mission #03M0107A with the wing at 1:30 p.m.

After talking with the lead incident commander from the sheriff's office, it was decided the most judicious use of resources was for their chartered aircraft to finish its flight on the first day. Wing members were put on standby alert and told to wait on the first-day search results before going to Gillette.

At the end of the day, the man was still missing and wing members headed to Gillette on Jan. 17 and launched their aircraft — two corporate and one member-owned — at about 7:30 a.m. At 8:58 a.m., the crew of the member-owned private aircraft spotted the man, and immediately vectored in a sheriff's office ground team to the location.

The vehicle had been stuck in a snowbank, and the man and his dog were in good condition.

Georgia Wing DV



Photo by Lt. Col. Phil Bowden

Left, Peachtree City-Falcon Field Composite Squadron Commander Maj. Vince Murray welcomes Georgia Congressman Mac Collins to the squadron's annual Christmas banquet and awards ceremony. Collins was the keynote speaker for the event and helped present awards to unit members. During his speech, the congressman addressed the heroism of all who have served the United States in uniform, and he praised CAP's cadets "who are working hard to become good citizens." The congressman is a member of Civil Air Patrol's Congressional Squadron and holds the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Utah aircrews help locate downed pilots

Capt. Dez C. Keene
Public Affairs Officer
Utah Wing

UTAH — An airplane crash involving two Utah pilots ended happily, thanks to the perseverance of Utah Wing members and other agencies who cooperated in the rescue.

A Utah Highway Patrol officer, who was also an aspiring commercial pilot, was en route to Salt Lake City with his flight instructor when their single-engine plane crashed into a mountain peak near Milford, in south central Utah, around 9:30 p.m.

According to reports, the aircraft struck with such force that its twisted wings and fuselage skipped upward and over the ridgeline, coming to rest upside down on the other side. Despite serious injuries, the two men were able to call 911 by cell phone from inside the wreckage.

Emergency dispatchers contacted the Beaver County

Sheriff's Office and Federal Aviation Administration. Working that night in the Cedar City Flight Office was FAA employee and Utah Wing pilot, Merlin Mackey. He was assigned to the search along with fellow wing member David Gale.

The downed pilots were unfamiliar with the area and could not report their exact location. After reviewing radar system videotapes, local air traffic controllers estimated their location. Mackey and Gale, along with wing aircraft from Richfield and Salt Lake City began searching.

With temperatures plummeting, the injured pilots called in to report they were suffering from shock and hypothermia, making a fast rescue even more critical. Given the darkness and rugged mountain terrain, however, wing members could not spot the crash site.

Finally the injured pilots heard a wing plane overhead and called 911 to help guide the

rescuers to the site. With the wing plane in view, the victims signaled the aircrew with a penlight and established their location for the ground crews.

Wing pilots continued to circle the site while a Utah Highway Patrol helicopter attempted to land nearby. When landing proved impossible, the helicopter shuttled members of the ground team to the top of the mountain. There, the ground crew cleared a landing site directly above the crash and additional crew were brought in to evaluate and treat the victims.

The men were airlifted by life-flight helicopter to University Medical Center. They were in serious condition with broken bones, frostbite and hypothermia, but expected to recover.

The rescue received airtime on the Salt Lake City evening news and was cited as an outstanding example of teamwork among the wing and local emergency management agencies.



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NY Wing members put on surveillance, image transmission training session

Sr. Mbr. Bob Stronach

*Public Affairs Officer
New York Wing*

NEW YORK — Two New York Wing aircrews practiced aerial surveillance and air-to-ground image transmission over Oneida County Airport near Utica, N.Y., the day before a scheduled presentation on Civil Air Patrol's capabilities to an Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer Conference at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

One aircraft was assigned to photo surveillance, with Maj. Ed Kopp as pilot, Capt. Mike Lazar as copilot and 1st Lt. Bill Jones as observer-photographer. The other plane, with pilot Lt. Col. Bill Brewer and copilot Lt. Col. Al Larmann Jr. was outfitted with a relay repeater to extend the reach of the image transmission by a couple hundred miles.

Manning the ground station were Lt. Col. Steve Perta, wing vice com-



Photo by Sr. Mbr. Bob Stronach

1st Lt. Bill Jones of New York Wing's Mohawk Griffiss Senior Squadron sets up a portable image transmission unit in the back seat of a New York Wing Cessna. Behind him is Capt. Mike Lazar, who co-piloted the aircraft during a wing surveillance and air-to-ground image transmission training session.

mander, and Maj. Gerald Marketos, commander of the Mohawk-Griffiss Senior Squadron.

Once the aircraft were airborne, Perta keyed the microphone on the ground receiver, which was resting in a thick, black briefcase.

"Video air, this is video ground," said.

"This is video air," Lazar replied.

"You are loud and clear," Perta told the crew. "Video ground ready to receive."

Over the next half hour, several images were captured on a high-resolution camcorder and then transmitted — some direct to the ground station and others via the airborne repeater. Each image slowly appeared

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CAP Space Day partner; helping to spread word

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — As the nation prepares to commemorate the centennial of flight this year, the award-winning Space DaySM educational initiative is launching activities to honor the previous 100 years of aviation and aerospace accomplishments and to inspire the next generation of inventors, aviators and explorers.

"Space Day 2003SM — Celebrating the Future of Flight" will be celebrated on May 1, 2003.

The Civil Air Patrol, as a Space DaySM partner, will help spread the word about Space Day activities, and squadrons are encouraged to organize events and work with other Space Day partners. In addition, cadets in grades 6-8 are encouraged to participate in Space Day school programs.

"The aviation and space exploration pioneers of this last century look to our youth to take the next steps in humankind's celestial journeys," said Senator John Glenn, cochair of Space Day. "These students, who rep-



resent our future space pioneers, will one day realize exciting possibilities that we can only now imagine."

Space Day programs include the Space DaySM Design Challenges, where students actively collaborate online as they create solutions to

challenges of living and working in space; Student Signatures in Space®, which sends digitized student signatures on a space shuttle mission; and Cyber Space DaySM, the only annual Web-cast entirely devoted to science, space and math.

This year's Space Day Design Challenges, which will be offered to grades 4-8, include: Fly to the Future (build a model aircraft of the future); Planetary Explorers (build a working model spacecraft that can fly on Earth and has characteristics that will also allow it to fly on another planet or the moon); and Watt Power! (build a working model aircraft that can remain airborne using a renewable energy source).

The official Space Day Web site — www.spaceday.com — provides a wealth of resource information, and the online "101 Ways to Celebrate Space Day" contains a wide variety of exciting ideas for educators. Contact info@spaceday.com for guidance on starting your own local Space DaySM event.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol wants to resolve all complaints and grievances in a fair and impartial manner. Consult CAP Regulation 123-2 and try to resolve a complaint or issue at the lowest appropriate level. Questions or problems may be brought to the attention of any of the people listed here.

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CAP expenses may be tax deductible

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CAP National Headquarters

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — It's that time of year again — tax-time that is! And here is some information that may help you to get the maximum tax advantage from your participation in Civil Air Patrol.

CAP has been designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization for which contributions are deductible from one's individual income taxes.

However, to take advantage of the charitable deduction one must itemize deductions. Charitable deductions or contributions are taken on Schedule A of the IRS Form 1040.

The IRS has held (Rev. Rul. 58-279, 1958-23 IRB 12) that we may deduct — subject to certain limitations — the nonreimbursed, out-of-pocket expenses directly attributable to the performance of our volunteer services, such as those incurred for the operation, maintenance and repair of a personally owned aircraft, automobile or communication system.

We may also deduct the costs incurred for the purchase and maintenance of distinctive uniforms we are required to wear while en-

gaged in official CAP activities and are prohibited from wearing except on such occasions.

The deductible expenses are those incurred for the operation, maintenance and repair of equipment which are directly attributable to the use of the aircraft, automobile or communication system in performing voluntary services for CAP.

No deduction is allowed for a proportionate share of general maintenance or general repairs to such equipment.

The fair rental value may not be used to calculate the cost of operation and no deduction is allowed for depreciation. Also, the cost of insurance on a vehicle or aircraft is not deductible.

In lieu of calculating the actual cost to operate a motor vehicle, the IRS allows the use of a standard mileage rate. For 2002, the mileage rate for charitable deductions is .14 cents per mile.

For most members, unless reimbursed or paid by CAP, the deduction may include:

- ✦ National, region, wing and unit annual membership dues;
- ✦ Cost of purchasing and

maintaining Air Force-style or CAP distinctive uniforms;

- ✦ Telephone calls or facsimile transmissions and receipts associated with CAP business;

- ✦ Direct cost of operating motor vehicles when on CAP business (or the standard mileage rate times the number of miles driven on CAP business) plus the costs of tolls and parking;

- ✦ Direct operating

costs of privately owned aircraft when used on CAP business;

- ✦ Registration fees and travel to and from missions, exercises and meetings, including wing and region conferences, and Board of Governors, National Board and National Executive Counsel meetings; and

- ✦ Direct costs of proficiency flying to maintain mission pilot, mission observer or mission scanner skills when on an Air Force assigned (or B12) mission.

Maintaining accurate records and retaining the documentation is the key to maximizing your deduction.

Since everyone's tax situation is unique, you should seek competent tax counsel to apply the IRS guidelines to your specific situation.

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AZ glider pilot



Cadet Master Sgt. Cheldon Hallett of Arizona Wing's Paradise Valley Cadet Squadron became the wing's newest pilot for 2003 when he obtained his Federal Aviation Administration private pilot license for gliders in January. Cheldon scored a 98 on the FAA written exam. His glider instructor was Phil Corbell.

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on a TV monitor, taking about 90 to 120 seconds to complete transmission. The photos were stamped with GPS location, time and date, and could be stored on videotape or computer.

Prior to each transmission, the aircrew announced the altitude and compass heading of the plane.

The plan was to do a live demonstration for the West Point conference involving both New York Wing and

Connecticut Wing aircrews and ground teams. Even though snowy weather grounded the flights on the day of the conference, Perta spoke to the attendees and gave a PowerPoint presentation on CAP's reconnaissance image transmission capability.

Northeast Region Commander Col. Richard Greenhut spoke to conference attendees about CAP's homeland security role.

Slots still available for Beijing Aviators Association-sponsored 2003 China tour

ALABAMA — China's Beijing Aviators Association will once again host an aviation-oriented cultural tour to China in May 2003.

According to Edward Komyati, tour coordinator, the tour announcement in the January issue of the *Civil Air Patrol News* was well received, and there a few spaces still available for anyone interested in attending.

This year's tour will differ from previous China tours by offering an opportunity to revisit Guilin and Nanjing — both of which are aviation-history significant.

Travel and visits to five Chinese

capital cities — Beijing, Xian, Kunming, Nanjing and Shanghai — are also included in this tour.

The cost for the tour is \$2,390 per person (double occupancy).

Included in the fare are international air tickets, intercity air tickets and ground transportation. It



also includes a Guiin River cruise, hotel accommodations (four- and five-star), three meals a day, entrance tickets for site tours, airport taxes inside China, professional guides, insurance in China, and Chinese visa fees.

To obtain additional information and tour applications, send your name, CAP membership status (cadet, senior member, CAP family member, etc.), address, and home and work telephone numbers to: BAA/U.S. Aviators 2003 China Tour, c/o Edward J. Komyati, 3737 Cricklewood Dr., Montgomery, AL 36109-1307.

2003 Vision Retreat

Mission: To generate realistic strategic plan

I had the pleasure of hosting a vision retreat Jan. 17-18 in Atlanta — a meeting that will have a profound impact on the future direction of Civil Air Patrol.

For this meeting, I brought together your region commanders, some sitting wing commanders, two past national commanders and several senior Air Force members for a two-day session of open, frank discussion.

Our challenge was to create a shared strategic view for CAP by generating a realistic strategic plan based upon the CAP mission and vision statements.

Why another retreat?

You may be asking why another vision retreat? CAP already has a strategic plan, and that one is less than two years old. I would answer that question by saying: "CAP has to change with the changing world events."

The August 2001 National Board approved a strategic plan at their meeting that summer. That plan was based on a stronger, larger organization focused on disaster relief.

None of us envisioned the events that would happen in our country less than one month later. With those acts of terrorism within our country, our lives were affected in many ways.

Many of us are now aware of our surroundings and now have come to the realization our security may depend on our personal awareness. With homeland security issues in the news and

training for the general public on protections against weapons of mass destruction in open debate, many of our members want to be a part of our nation's homeland security effort.

How can we best use CAP's vast resources?

Many are asking questions like: "How can we

the communities and nation.

Future long-term positions

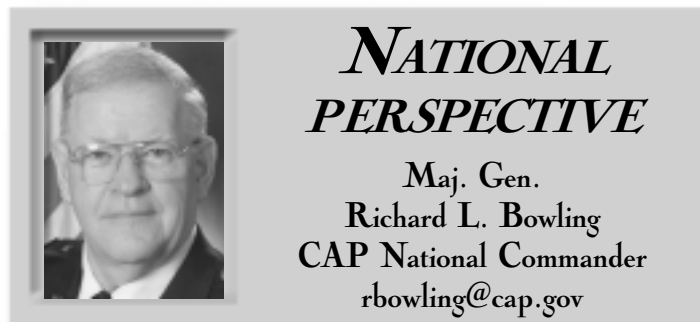
Following is a list of some of the long-term positions we believe we will face in the future. In following articles, I will provide the actions we will take to meet these challenges.

Here's the list:

- ✓ Promote a safety culture via command emphasis and risk management techniques;
- ✓ Instill adherence to discipline, professionalism in personal appearance, behavior and operational activity;
- ✓ Become resource of choice for SAR, DR, CD, HLS, and other emerging missions;
- ✓ Secure Multiple funding sources that adequately resource key mission areas;
- ✓ Establish additional strategic partnerships with other public and private agencies to broaden services;
- ✓ Recruit, reward, and retain a select corps of motivated, highly trained and well-led volunteers to perform "Missions for America";
- ✓ Provide training based on specialty, organizational level with maximized use of technology;
- ✓ Provide world-class aviation and space education to our members and the general public;
- ✓ Reach specific audiences with a focused message;
- ✓ A cadet program that fully develops leadership, management, and moral/ethical principles;
- ✓ Establish clear lines of authority, responsibility and channels of communication;
- ✓ Provide opportunities for meaningful and rewarding service to our nation; and
- ✓ Institutionalize the concept that "total force" includes the four organizational components of active, Reserve, Guard and auxiliary forces.

This is a long list, but the idea behind a strategic plan is provide the communication tools to focus the efforts of our resources on reaching these positions. Once achieved, CAP will be a larger more efficient organization — known by the nation for our core competencies, and recognized by our members as a rewarding place to serve America in homeland security, emergency response, cadet and aerospace missions.

I look forward to serving with you in this new, larger and more efficient CAP!



best use CAP's vast resources of trained, talented professional responders, fleet of observation-type aircraft and nationwide communications system in this new priority mission for our country?"

This vision retreat addressed those most recent questions on CAP's position in homeland security. The result of the open discussion of all parties resolved that CAP will be a major role in homeland security provided the pathway is clear and our members realize their individual role is essential to the overall effort. In other words, committed members.

This is the one issue I have no reservations that we have already achieved — I have always been extremely proud of the dedication and service-before-self attitude our membership exhibits. What remains as a challenge before us is to develop a special trust with our local communities, and state and federal agencies. Let there be no doubt that CAP should be an integral part of the area response team and prevention efforts.

Achieving that trust and name recognition will not happen by accident. It will take a great deal of thoughtful positioning. I believe our new revised strategic plan will place us in the position to capitalize on our strengths and become the emergency responder of choice for America's homeland security efforts. Also, this plan will also provide the vision to grow our cadet and aerospace programs to call attention to the difference CAP will make with these programs in



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Regs, manuals, pamphlets in heart of beholder

Welcome to the world of Civil Air Patrol regulations, manuals and pamphlets. These publications are constantly undergoing revision albeit not capriciously. The revisions are justified and necessitated by the flux and flow of the setting in life of our beloved CAP.

As CAP members, we are not a static given. "We" are a living organism, joined at the hip in a common destiny, constantly fluxing and breathing significant and fresh doses of confidence into our 63,000-plus members. Whatever

revisions occur are mandated by new duties and responsibilities that devolve upon us. Also, the changing complexity of our membership calls for revisions, at times, that represent the response of our leaders and rank and file members to an inbuilt sixth sense to which we all proudly respond — namely, our mission consciousness and sense of service.

We live by the "regs." Indeed! Any member who attempts to live outside the purview of the "regs" is really no CAP member at all.

Change or no change, we willingly adhere to the "regs." As we do, they provide strength and stability to the organization, and because we do, we are and continue to be CAP. Our byword in all CAP-centered situations is, "What does the 'reg' say?" Or, "It's in the 'reg.'" That's as specific as it gets.

As I pondered this, my mind came to rest upon the moral ground and strength of our great Judeo-Christian heritage. That ground is a book — part of which is the ground of religious consciousness and experience for Jews, and the whole

Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead [as frontlets between your eyes]. Inscribe them on the door posts of your house and on your gates [the Torah]."

The most profound regulatory expression in the Bible for Christians stands in Matthew 22:36-40 [parallel passage, Mark 12:28-31] and in the epic statements of Jesus of Nazareth in the Sermon on the Mount, which is a huge testament from Jesus on how Christians must live. The sermon is really an overarching "reg."

The reference in Matthew 22, Chapters 36-40 closely parallels the Jewish Shema, which might be expected given the fact that Jesus of Nazareth was a Jew.

Like the words of God written by Moses in the Shema, the words of Jesus written by Matthew in 22, Chapters 36-40, become a living entity. The interrogatory put to him was, "Teacher, which is the great commandment of the Law?" Jesus responded by enunciating two great commandments. He said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it — you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophet."

That's as specific as it gets. And



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of which is the ground of religious consciousness and experience for Christians.

In a word, the Bible is a "reg." It's most profound, regulatory expression for Jews stands in The Shema [stress on "ma"], which is for all Jews God's personal summons through Moses for service and loyalty. The Shema represents the high drama between God as leader and Israel as the troops that follow. It reads: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions ["regs"] with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children.

"Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.



... So with our "regs."
They help us stay the course and clarify objectives. They keep us on the same page, speaking with one voice. They are our staying power ...

that's what "regs" are all about. The specifics of Moses in the Shema and those of Jesus both in the Sermon on the Mount and in his testament on the greatest of the commandments, which closely parallels the Shema, tended toward the common good of the growing masses of Jews and Christians. Both Moses and Jesus were anxious to establish a powerful commonality among their respective people. Both wanted there to be a guide common to all. Call it the "regs."

The Hebrew and Christian bibles, as guides to love for God, love for man and service, fused the people together by a common purpose. So with our "regs." They help us stay the course and clarify objectives. They keep us on the same page, speaking with one voice. They are our staying power, and if we forsake them, it would be futile for us to ask even God to help us, for after all, he is the one who got the notion of "regs" started.

God bless our leaders to remain faithful custodians of the "regs."

Mississippi, Alabama wings provide support to Air Force

SOUTHEAST REGION — In a unique joint effort, aircrew members from the Mississippi and Alabama wings provided instant support to the Air Force when one of their aircraft had serious flight control problems.

Pilots from both wings were in the middle of a high-altitude physiology class at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., when they received an urgent telephone call asking them to form a search and rescue crew in preparation for a developing mission.

The situation involved a

T-38 pilot at the base who had a serious flight control problem with the real possibility he might have to eject.

Seeing the Civil Air Patrol planes on the ramp, the supervisor of flying in the control tower called base operations to see if any of the members were available to help. This began a process that demonstrated to the Air Force how well all the agencies, including the wings and Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., could react.

"I heard something was

going on so I went by base operations to see if we could help," said Lt. Col. Mike Hainsey, GTR Composite Squadron commander. Hainsey, a T-38 simulator instructor at the base and retired Air Force pilot, had just briefed the base leadership the week before on the capabilities of the wing.

"The SOF [supervisor of flying] was familiar with what we do and called base operations just as I walked in. He asked us to be on standby in case we were needed."

Hainsey immediately contacted Lt. Col. Johnny Taylor, Mississippi Wing emergency services officer, who, in turn, contacted the AFRCC. AFRCC officials called the base and confirmed the situation, then issued a mission number.

"The whole process took less than 10 minutes," said Hainsey. "Everyone recognized the urgency of the matter — that lives might be on the line."

All the airplanes on the

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Ever flown “under the influence” — of fatigue?

Have you ever flown “under the influence” — of fatigue? Most pilots have; more often than they care to admit. “After all,” you might say, “it’s not like I’m flying drunk.”

You may not be aware that there’s evidence now that indicates it just might be as dangerous. In my opinion, flying tired is more dangerous because a person can easily justify doing it.

“I’ve done it before!

I can do it again. Besides, this is an important mission.”

The nature of our volunteer organization can really set up a pilot to fly fatigued. Most of our

members have full-time day jobs, and participation in evening and weekend Civil Air Patrol activities can have a cumulative affect toward fatigue. Add to this, the no-notice

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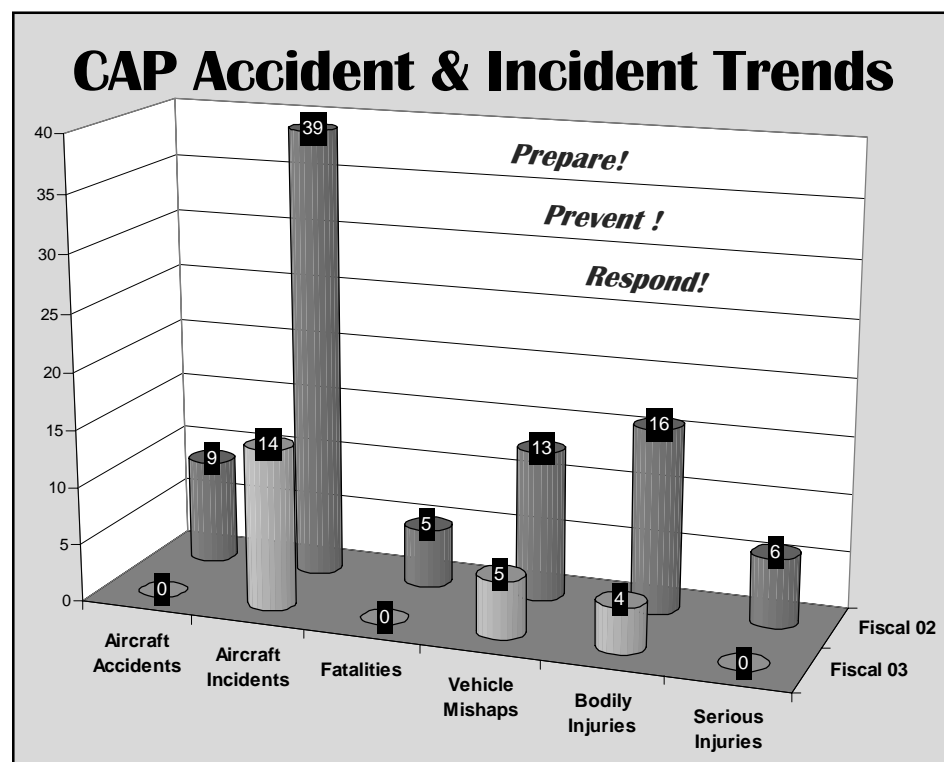
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wake-up in the middle of the night for an emergency locator transmitter or actual search mission and you compound the problem by interrupting natural sleep cycles.

While our CAP crew duty limitations recognize pre-mission, non-CAP activities, it is still extremely important that each crew member assess the fatigue risks associated with earlier activities. The cumulative affect on your level of fatigue could place you and your passengers in a dangerous position.

So, how do you tell when you’re becoming dangerously tired?

I think most people can relate to sitting back after lunch, feeling warm and comfortable, no thoughts crossing your mind. Your eyelids get heavy, your eyes start to cross and



you’re fighting the urge to totally succumb.

If you pay close attention as you get tired, you’ll notice a subtle disintegration of your performance and the high standards you normally adhere to.

If you’re flying, you’ll notice a tendency to pay attention to only one or two instruments. Your outside scan will slow or maybe even stop. Decisions will take

longer. Your attention span will shorten. You might even recognize you’re performing poorly, but you just don’t care. If your body is tired enough, it will eventually shut down whether you like it or not.

Prevention measures include: regular exercise, a healthy diet, alcohol avoidance, fatigue awareness and honest introspection.

Save the heavy eyelid action for the recliner or your bed!

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ramp were assigned to pilots from the Alabama Wing who were attending altitude chamber training at the base.

Taylor received authorization to form a joint crew. Lt. Col. Jerry McCurry and Capt. Bart Nelson from the Alabama Wing joined with Hainsey to prepare for the mission. Two members of the Mississippi Wing staff — Lt. Col. Tim Carroll and Maj. Johnny Coombs, acted as on site air operations directors.

After a thorough briefing, the aircrew received final instructions from the SOF and

were told to stand by at the airplane.

Just after finishing their preflight they received word the T-38 pilot was able to get the airplane under control, and they watched as he landed safely.

“This short mission was valuable to the Mississippi Wing. We were able to respond to the Air Force request on short notice, and show our customer what we can provide,” said Taylor. “Also, this mission gave us the opportunity to run a joint operation with the Alabama Wing, and gain more experience in coordinating across wings.”

Col. Don Angel, Mississippi Wing commander, was exuberant.

“I am extremely proud of our rapid response and the cooperation we experienced with the Alabama Wing,” said Angel. “All of the members are to be commended for a job very well done.”

The aircrew members were all elated they were able to participate and that the situation turned out for the best.

“We were glad the pilot was able to land safely, but also that we proved to the Air Force our ability to support them on very short notice with qualified, trained aircrew members,” said Hainsey. “It was a very exciting hour.”

Indiana praised for CD support

INDIANA — The Indiana State Police presented a plaque to the Indiana Wing for its contributions to the state’s counterdrug flight program.

Receiving the award were Lt. Col. Reggie Paul, director of the wing’s counterdrug operations, and Lt. Col. Thomas Pickett, director of wing operations.

At a time when the state police aviation resources were very limited, the wing provided support to continue an active marijuana-spotting program. In spite of challenging weather conditions, the wing flew about 600 hours during the 2002 counterdrug program.

Indiana State Police Col. Dean Petree, deputy superintendent in the Bureau of Field Operations, Maj. Monte McKee, commander of the Indiana State Police Field Enforcement Division, and Corporal Mike Crabtree presented the award to the wing members during an operations briefing and luncheon in Indianapolis. Attending were about 40 state police district and regional coordinators with the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.

Stop your brain from tricking you into eating

Getting into shape after the holidays is tough! We've all done it (or overdone it), and, after the gluttony is over, we turn to the first of the year with good intentions. And for some, even then it's a difficult thing to get started.

First, it helps to understand why we tend to eat too much. In prehistoric days, when the caveman didn't know where his next meal was coming from, it was a survival advantage to cram as much food into his stomach as possible before he felt too full. But, in this time of plenty, the delay in feeling full works against us. Our brains take about 20 minutes to register that we have eaten a meal. If we eat until we feel satisfied, we have usually already overeaten. Let's face it, it's hard to leave the table if your brain is still telling you you're hungry.

Consider the family gathering or potluck dinner where you took a bit of everything on your plate. After finishing, you may still feel a bit hungry. Because it tasted so good, you go back for seconds. After eating the second plate of food, how do you feel? Stuffed? Uncomfortable?

Actually you had eaten enough food after the first plate, but your brain still thought you were hungry. By the time you finished the seconds, the brain has finally figured it

out. Too late — you're overfull!

If you finish your initial plate and still feel hungry, sip a hot beverage to pass the time or get up and clear the table. Usually within 5-10 minutes you will realize you no longer feel hungry or need to eat.

You don't always have to eat a lot of food in order to feel full or

eat as much of the meal to feel full.

If you need to fill up on something, make it non-starchy vegetables. They are practically "free", as calories go, and very nutritious. They include cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, zucchini, broccoli, carrots, and green beans.

Sometimes it is not so much

what you eat, as how much you eat. You can be eating healthy, but just be eating portions which are too large. Consider looking at what are reasonable portion sizes. One way to do this is to divide foods into groups, such as starches, meats, dairy, fruits, fats and non-starchy vegetables. Each food within the group is

an "exchange" and has an appropriate sized serving listed for each food in the group. The amount of servings you would eat of each for the day would depend on the amount of calories you wanted to consume. For example, a 1,500-calorie diet could include seven starches, three fruits,

half-cup of pasta or starchy vegetable is one serving. Try to limit "carbs" to a couple per meal.

Be careful about going for a quick fix and using diet pills. Most people gain the weight back as soon as they go off the pills. A reasonable balanced diet and exercise program may give better long-term results.

Some diet pills and herbal weight-loss products containing mahuang or ephedra are especially dangerous. They can cause high blood pressure, strokes and heart attacks. Many companies are now phasing out ephedra from their formulas for this reason.

Exercise is an important part of weight loss. It helps reset your metabolism to be more active. Also, increased muscle helps burn more calories for you. Many people make the mistake of giving up on an exercise program when they don't lose weight. Exercise converts fat to muscle, which is a heavier tissue. Your weight may not change, but you lose inches and your clothes fit better — which is the whole point.

So, pumping some iron is not such a bad idea. Get organized. Set a time each day to exercise. If you don't, the exercise period probably won't happen. There is always something else that takes higher priority at the moment. Even if you just get changed to sweats and stand on the front porch the same time each day, intending to exercise, it would be a great start!

Other tips:

- Don't grocery shop when you're starving;
- If you still feel hungry after a meal, sip a beverage for five to 10 minutes and you will feel full; or get up from the table and do something else;
- Only eat at the dining room table. Eating while doing other activities, like watching TV, makes you want to eat as soon as you sit down to watch; and
- Make a list of activities to do to distract yourself when you feel bored or want to munch.

To learn to read labels for fat and calorie content, check out — http://my.webmd.com/content/pages/5/1671_50846.



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satisfied. You just need to give it time to register.

You have just ordered your meal at the restaurant and are very hungry. While your meal is cooking, you are brought a small salad and a couple of breadsticks, which you gobble down. Thirty minutes later your food arrives. At this point most people realize they are no longer very hungry, even though they only ate a little bit. The brain has had enough time to register the food and you no longer feel hungry. However, most people go ahead and eat the oversized restaurant meal anyway! Consider putting half in a "doggie bag" or splitting a meal.

You have heard your mother say, "Don't eat that cookie now or you won't want your supper." Not that the cookie was very much to eat, but it is enough to turn off your brain hunger mechanism. Don't get me wrong — I'm not encouraging all of you to eat cookies to spoil your dinner; however, you could eat a piece of fruit 30 minutes before mealtime to help your brain start to feel full.

Consider starting off a meal with a cup of soup (non-creamy) as a "de-appetizer." It takes time to eat the soup and it is very filling and satisfying. You then won't need to



two-three non-starchy vegetables, two dairy, five meat servings (1 ounce each), and four fat servings (1 teaspoon of margarine each) during the day. Ask your doctor what would be the right amount of calories for you to eat to lose weight.

Examples of carbohydrates (or starches) include bread, pasta, rice, crackers, cereals and starchy vegetables, such as corn, potatoes, peas and corn. A good rule of thumb is that one slice of bread (1/2 english muffin, bagel or hamburger bun) or

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Ashton Lewis comes in 25th in season opener Feb. 15 at Daytona — Race details and more in April 2003 issue



Ashton Lewis Jr.



Daytona speedway opens; teams gear up for opening race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The first day of the 2003 racing season for the NASCAR Busch Grand National drivers got underway Feb. 10 at Daytona International Speedway.

The haulers were lined up in the garage, and the teams were being allowed in for the first time this season. The cars were quickly unloaded and were put through their first inspection of the season — and the roll of thunder was heard in the background. Unfortunately, it was real thunder, and not the familiar thunder of racing engines.

As the teams went through the familiar routines of preparing their cars, they were getting damp, but their spirits are certainly not.

"We're so excited to be back at Daytona," said driver Ashton Lewis Jr. "We were here about a month ago testing, but it's just not the same as being here for the first race of the season. It's great to be back in the swing of things. There's nothing like Daytona to get your adrenaline pumping."

The team was very busy during the winter months. "We made several personnel and job changes, and I really

think all of those changes will be a big advantage for us and really step up our program this season. We learned a lot recently with some research and development we did. I really feel like we are much better prepared and much stronger than we were last year."

At 9:30 am, the roar of engines filled the air. The Goody's Dash Series race that was rained out the day before had just taken the green flag. As the flag flew, crew chief, Charlie Lewis, talked about how the car's inspection process was going.

"So far so good! We don't have any changes to make yet. Of course, we're not through ..."

Also on hand was team owner Ashton Lewis Sr., who recently returned from a trip to five foreign countries with several other NASCAR personalities.

"The trip was such an amazing experience for me. It was such an honor to meet so many of our armed forces personnel, and tell them we appreciate the job they are doing."

In the garage area,



Ashton Lewis Jr., "pilot" of the #46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet, poses for a publicity picture next to the race car painted in its new 2003 design and color scheme.

people were noticed the new paint scheme on the #46 CAP Chevrolet. Also catching the attention of competitors was the special decal on the "C" pillar in honor of the Columbia space shuttle. The decal is a replica of the patch worn by the astronauts.

At 1:35 p.m., the team made their first pass through the template inspection area. After getting some input from the inspectors, the team headed for the garage to make some changes to the body, and then went back through template inspection. While this is normal, and most of

the teams pass through several times before getting the stamp of approval, it's still a lot of work.

At 4:45 p.m., after waiting nearly two hours to get into the template inspection area, the inspectors gave the car and team all passing marks.

"Now we will go and start preparing the car for practice tomorrow morning. We will be busy until the garage closes at 6:30 p.m. tonight, but tomorrow we get on the track — and we want to be ready. That will be the real test," said Charlie Lewis.

As driver, Ashton Lewis'

day did not end at the track, as he prepared to leave for a publicity photo shoot.

"We definitely have high expectations for this week. We know we are still a young team, so we are not basing our entire season off of this first superspeedway performance. If we don't qualify extremely well, we'll be disappointed, but we won't be devastated. I think it's a much better car than last year, and we had a good one then. I'm not sure how fast we'll be, but we'll have a good car for the race."

And so ended the first day of the 2003 racing season.



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2002 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING & RETENTION CAMPAIGN

RECRUITMENT ✪ APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

RETENTION ✪ APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

Contest Rules

- 1) Individual prizes are based on new members recruited.
- 2) Squadron prizes are based on number of members eligible for renewal at April 1, 2002, who are retained during the campaign.
- 3) Recruiting credit will be given only for individuals recruited as "new members".
- 4) In the event of a tie for recruiting or retention awards, the tie will be broken by a drawing at National Headquarters.
- 5) Membership applications must be signed by the new member, unit commander and processed between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003. Membership renewals must be processed between April 1, 2002, and March 31, 2003. (The retention campaign actually runs until June 30, 2003, so that all of those whose renewal date runs through March 31 can be captured in the report. There is a 90-day grace period in which they can renew.)
- 6) The individual listed as recruiter must be a member in good standing at the close of the campaign to qualify for prizes.
- 7) Only one member will be credited for recruiting the new member. The member's name, charter number and CAPID must appear on the membership application for (CAP Form 12 or 15). To ensure proper credit, make sure your name, charter number and CAPID are correct.
- 8) Applications returned by CAP National Headquarters for incorrect or inadequate information cannot be considered unless they are corrected and processed prior to March 31, 2003. Therefore recruiters should carefully screen the application to ensure all information is present and correct. National Headquarters cannot accept telephone calls as a way to add recruiters to forms already received.
- 9) Members recruited, but found to be ineligible for membership, will not be considered. "Pooling" recruiting efforts is not permitted. For example, no member may take credit for a new member recruited by someone else.
- 10) Only the recruitment of regular active senior and cadet members will count toward the total number and awarding of individual prizes.
- 11) The percentage of total squadron membership retained will count toward the awarding of squadron prizes.
- 12) Anyone receiving payment for recruiting either senior or cadet members from any organization including CAP's Middle School Initiative Program are disqualified from the awarding of any prizes.
- 13) CAP National Headquarters will maintain a record of all new members and their recruiters. Winners will be announced as soon as possible after the close of the campaign.

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

Recruiting awards

The following prizes will be sent for members who recruit:

✓ 5 new members - Recruiting Excellence golf shirt for senior members and T-shirt for cadet members;

✓ 10 new members - \$50 gift certificate to CAP Supply Depot or Bookstore;

✓ 25 new members - \$100 gift certificate to CAP Bookstore; and

✓ 50+ new members - \$200 gift certificate to CAP Bookstore;

Grand prizes will be given at the end of the campaign. Grand-prize winners will be determined by a drawing of all members having recruited a new member throughout the year. Prizes are as follows:

✓ Grand prize (senior): Framed and signed limited-edition CAP anniversary print, and airfare, room and board at the 2003 CAP National Board and Annual Conference; and

✓ Grand prize (cadet): Framed and signed limited-edition CAP anniversary print, and airfare and room and board to a national CAP event to be determined.

Retention awards

The squadron with the highest retention in each region for the year — award is a \$500 cash prize for each squadron.

All prizes will be presented at the 2003 CAP National Board Meeting and Annual Conference.

Quarterly campaign statistics

Region	New Mbrs Recruited	Cadet Recruiters	Senior Recruiters	Total Recruiters	Percentage of Region Membership
GLR	810	313	205	518	7.3%
MER	1,023	335	230	565	7.6%
NCR	567	191	151	342	7.6%
NER	1,174	463	286	749	7.5%
PCR	986	353	280	633	7.3%
RMR	421	172	105	277	7.0%
SER	1,687	470	390	860	8.2%
SWR	952	322	252	574	7.7%
TOTAL	7,659	2,637	1,908	4,545	7.5%

Note: Stats as of the first three quarters (April - December 2002)

✓ 15,864 new members joined CAP during Quarters 1-3 (April through December 2002)

✓ 48.3% of those new members were recruited by a current CAP member

✓ 58% of the recruiters during this period were cadets

✓ 42% of the recruiters during this period were senior members

CAP Membership (as of February 2003): Cadets - 27,249; Seniors - 36,639; Total - 63,888

Arizona Wing members help search for missing Piper Aztec

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ARIZONA — Members of the Arizona Wing helped search for a Piper Aztec that disappeared near the Flagstaff, Ariz., airport Jan. 8 in snowy and foggy conditions.

On Jan. 9, under the leadership of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, a massive search ensued that included wing search aircraft from all over the state. The search also included numerous wing ground teams.

In all, the wing flew more than 200 sorties in 10 different wing aircraft. More than 2,000 man-hours and aircraft

flying in excess of 400 hours were expended in the search.

Search aircraft were airborne every day and all day for 11 days from Jan. 9 until Jan. 20 until a hiker following an often-used hiking trail discovered the wreckage at the 8,000 foot level on Schultz Peak, a heavily wooded mountain just northwest of Flagstaff, under a heavy forest canopy. Unfortunately the pilot, along with his wife, son and son's girlfriend, perished in the crash.

In addition to the wing's efforts, units of the U.S. Army National Guard and

the U.S. Forest Service also participated.

Coordination between the various agencies and the numerous aircraft and ground teams was exceptional and the wing was con-

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ground teams, whose professional ability, dedication and high level of performance were noted by all of the agencies concerned.

Each day, whether a weekday or weekend day, wing members were involved in this massive effort. Personnel and aircraft from as far away as Lake Havasu on the Colorado River and Tucson, as well as those in the Phoenix metropolitan area all participated in this extensive search.

In spite of the fact that the search was conducted primarily in heavily wooded

mountainous terrain and at high altitude with gusty winds, no accidents, incidents or safety problems of any kind surfaced during the 11-day mission. This enviable safety record resulted from the extensive training activities conducted frequently by the wing and its squadrons throughout the year.

Although the wing did not find the downed aircraft, the professional quality demonstrated by the aircrews, ground crews and particularly the various mission base staffs shows the importance of ongoing quality training, quality personnel and dedication to service.

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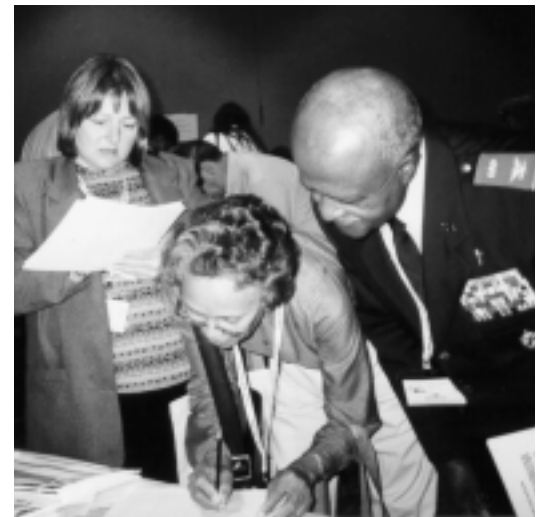
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2002 outstanding year for CAP Cadet Program

It was a great year for cadets, their leaders and the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program in 2002.

Key metrics such as membership, retention, flying and participation in the Free Cadet Uniform Program reached record levels. These gains were made possible through the efforts of thousands of CAP volunteers nationwide.

Here is a recap of some of 2002's significant achievements:

- ✓ Total cadets — 27,017 (best since 1988);
- ✓ Cadets recruited — 13,355 (best since 1997);
- ✓ Cadet retention — 51 percent (best since 1972);
- ✓ Orientation flights (Powered aircraft: Hours) — 16,318 (best since 1972);
- ✓ Orientation flights (Glider aircraft: Sorties) — 6,724 (best since 1972); and
- ✓ Free cadet uniforms — 8,815 (best since 1972).

(Note: Cadet retention, flying and FCU records date only to 1972.)

Cadet membership is at a 14-year high, topping 27,000 cadets nationwide. Even better is the news of the cadet retention rate — it is at a record 51 percent.

By contrast, in the early 1990s, cadet membership was down to 17,000 and retention averaged under 40 percent. For further comparison, in recent years the Boy Scouts of America have seen their membership grow and decline +/- 2 percent annually, versus our cadet program's growth rate of +13 percent in 2002. (Note: BSA membership data was taken from the BSA Annual Report available at www.scouting.org.)

Because we know that more cadets are renewing their membership than ever before and that most cadets join CAP because they were recruited by friends who joined before them, CAP is poised for even greater growth in 2003.

Free cadet uniforms

Nearly 9,000 cadets or two-thirds of the new cadets who joined CAP in 2002 received a free U.S. Air Force-style blue uniform valued at approximately \$100.

In previous years, only about 20 percent of the funds available in the



Free Cadet Uniform Program were used; whereas, in 2002, all available money was used. CAP National Headquarters is asking the Air Force to increase the funding of this important program.

Cadet Special Activities

Thirty-four national cadet special activities were held across the nation, serving a total of 1,800 cadets — and two new NCSAs emphasized career exploration and were great successes.

The Advanced Technologies Academy held in Waco, Texas, introduced cadets to the Satellite Tool Kit program and the capabilities of slow-scan video.

The Engineering Technologies Academy at Alabama's Auburn University introduced cadets to aerospace applications in the fields of textile, chemical, and aeronautical engineering.

Plans are underway to expand both activities.

NCSA videos

Thanks to the hard work and talents of Capt. Scott Matthews, cadets, senior members and parents can now download videos of eight NCSAs. Each video showcases the exciting opportunities available to cadets at that activity.

See for yourself by visiting www.capnhq.gov and then clicking on "Cadet Programs" and "NCSAs."

Cadet orientation flights

Prior to 2002, CAP never fully used the funds available for cadet orientation flights. Under previous years' COF rules, only a partial reimbursement was available, forcing wings or pilots to cover the difference from their own pocket.

The "new" COF program provides full reimbursement for cadet flying done in accordance with the COF syllabus. Plus, to help ensure that logistics do not keep an airplane out of reach, the program

reimburses for a reasonable amount of ferry time needed to connect a cadet with a pilot and airplane.

During 2002, cadets flew more than 16,000 hours in powered aircraft and more than 6,700 sorties in glider aircraft — a record year. This program is so successful, CAP National Headquarters is requesting more funding to fly still more cadets in the coming years.

Learn more by visiting www.capnhq.gov, and then clicking "Cadet Programs" and "Orientation Flights."

Curriculum development

CAP Regulation 52-16 Cadet Program Management — the cadet program's governing regulation, was revised in 2002. And hundreds of suggestions made since 1998, when the regulation was last revised, went into the 2003 edition.

CAPR 52-16 and its related forms, certificates and visual aids, are vital to cadets and their leaders. Therefore, CAP National Headquarters made a special distribution of the materials in late December — three months in advance of the implementation date to allow members ample time to get acclimated to the program changes. The distribution put a free copy of CAPR 52-16 and CAP Pamphlet 52-18 in the hands of every active cadet and cadet program leader.

Training resources, Cross-Talk

In 2002, we added more tools to our Web site for local CAP volunteers.

The "Training Resources" page provides quick access to official CAP educational materials. Virtually all cadet program training materials are available free on the Web.

A similar page, "Cross-Talk," is a clearinghouse of best-practices with proven track-records developed by volunteers. Download the materials for free or share your own. Both the "Training Resources" and "Cross-Talk" pages are accessible by

visiting www.capnhq.gov and clicking "Cadet Programs."

Milestone award briefings

When cadets advance into a new phase of the cadet program, they need guidance to fulfill the challenges and promotion requirements for that Phase. The "Briefings" are handy pamphlets that provide concise phase overviews for new milestone award recipients and are included with the awards package mailed to the squadron.

See for yourself: Download the "Briefings" by visiting www.capnhq.gov, then clicking "Cadet Programs" and "Milestone Award Briefings."

Training leaders of cadets

The surest way to guarantee success of the cadet program is to provide senior members the professional development they need to be effective leaders and mentors.

In 2002, we field-tested the Training Leaders of Cadets Course, a two-day seminar for seniors who mentor cadets at squadron level. In 2003-'04, we will bring the TLC Trainers' Course to each region, where experienced cadet leaders will become qualified to implement TLC in their wing.

Required staff training

Thanks to a proposal that was grounded in common sense and mandated by the CAP National Board, staff members at activities like encampments will now receive training on how to recognize hazing and use operational risk management principles to help ensure a positive leadership atmosphere at an activity. RST materials are available by visiting www.capnhq.gov and clicking "Cadet Programs" and "Training Resources."

Myths & legends

One of the most popular pages on the cadet programs Web site, "Myths & Legends," is designed to dispel misconceptions about the program and policies that govern it. View the page by visiting www.capnhq.gov, then clicking "Cadet Programs" and "Myths & Legends."

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1ST LT CHRISTOPHER KELLING	CT
LTCOL WILLIAM LEE	CT
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SR MBR NANCY SABOL	DC
SR MBR JAMES WELCH	DC
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SR MBR WILLIAM WATSON	IL
CAPT GEOFFREY WECK	IL
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SR MBR HECTOR CONSTANTZOS	MA
1ST LT SHARON INGRAHAM	MA
MAJ DERRELL LIPMAN	MA
1ST LT DONALD MORRISON	MA
1ST LT STEPHEN PACITI	MA
SR MBR JAMES STURDY	MA
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MAJ ALEXANDRA CALLOWAY	MD
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SR MBR ELBERT ALFORD	WA
LT RICHARD EDGERTON	WA
LT NATHAN HATFIELD	WA
SR MBR NEAL JOHNSON	WA
SR MBR KRISTOFER KOEHN	WA
SR MBR JIM MCCLEAN	WA
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CAPT HAROLD RYDELL	WA
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LT TODD STUTH	WA
LT TREVOR WILSON	WA
SR MBR PETER J. BOULANGER	WI
SR MBR GORDON K. FLEURY	WI
SR MBR E.K. O'NEIL	WI
SR MBR ROBERT A. WARD	WI

CADET PROGRAM



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JOHN F. REUTEMANN III	MD
TREVOR D. JONES	SC
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KATIE E. OFFEN	DE
CHARLES E. HOLLINGSWORTH	DE
MIKE R. QUASHNE	FL
PAUL P. CHEVAL	FL
STEVEN C. SCHWEICHLER	FL
JAMES R. STRICKLAND	FL

ANDREW J. WILSON	FL
REED E. MARTIN	GA
JOHN D. WATERS	GA
CHRISTOPHER P. BLANK	MI
MIKE A. NORDIN	MN
ADAM H. WRIGHT	NC
CALE S. MARXSEN	NE
PAUL E. HAMMES	NJ
CHRISTOPHER M. KRAJEWSKI	NJ
FRANKLIN D. DUKE	VA
STASHU I. MCCARRELL	WA



AMELIA EARHART AWARD

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JOEL P. HOCKER	AZ
MICHAEL J. EGGLI	CA
ANTHONY S. WANG	CA
PATRICK A. HENNESSEY	CO
TAYLOR J. OLSON	CO
JOSEPH F. VISALLI	CO
MICHAEL G. BEAVER	DE
PATRICK H. GRAY	FL
MICHAEL PARRISH	FL
PHILIP ROSEN	IL
DREW A. WAYNE	IL
JAMES S. KEOHANE	MA
STEFANO F. DEDONATIS	MI
CHRISTIAN R. WELTER	MI
DANIEL F. ZENI	MI
AUSTIN M. NASCA	MO
ELIJAH J. STRUCKMANN	MO
DANIELLE M. DEANGELO	NJ
JUSTIN E. CARR	NM
ELIAS RICHARD LOPEZ	NY
DANIEL L. TEBO JR	OH
ALBENO C. BARTOLOZZI	PA
MICHELLE K. BOUDER	PA
CHRISTOPHER C. CANNON	PA
AARON L. VOGELER	PA
ERNESTO AROCHO	PR
CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ	PR
JAVIER HANCE PR	HI
LA LEVY	PR
NORBERTO LOPEZ	PR
ALBERT MARCANO	PR
ISRAEL MARRERO	PR
JUAN F. PEREZ	PR
RAFAEL A. RONDON	PR
FERNANDO SANTOS	PR
HEATHER L. HOFFMAN	SC
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KARTIK K. PARMAR	TX
GREGORY A. BARKER	WA
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JOHN S. MASSEY	AR
TIMOTHY MOUNTS	AR
RAFE V. PATTON	AR

JOHN S. WRAY	AR
PADRAIC J. EARL	AZ
DANIEL N. FRANKLIN	AZ
TRINA R. MCNEIL	AZ
JONATHON MOSER	AZ
SCOTT ROSS AZ MAX J. SCHATD	AZ
DAVID G. SHIPMAN	AZ
RICHARD A. STONE	AZ
MICHAEL B. YAUDE	AZ
CHARLES P. BRICKEY	CA
TREVOR P. LEVINE	CA
JON D. RICHARDSON	CA
ANDREW J. NICCOLI	CO
NIKALAS A. TWYFORD	DE
CARY L. CAMUS	FL
CHRISTINE M. CHANEY	FL
KEVIN C. DOSS	FL
LUIS R. HERNANDEZ	FL
JENNY C. IRELAND	FL
NATHANIEL D. JOHNSON	FL
ANTHONY M. PIFERRER	FL
JEREMY T. TURNER	FL
NOEL S. WHITTEN	FL
PHILIP A. BOYLAN	GA
ALEXANDER C. GALLMAN	GA
DANIEL R. NORTH	GA
JACOB T. LEPTICH	ID
ERIK C. HALL	IL
BRENDAN B. REINA	IL
AUDRA C. RIBORDY	IL
DANIEL TROYER	IL
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CHRISTOPH S. RIEKER	IN
LUKE C. VASICEK	IN
KATE A. WHITEACRE	IN
CHRISTOPHER L. GEORGE	KS
JOSHUA M. SCHULTZ	KS
PHILLIP EVERETT	LA
ALEX J. STANTON	LA
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REBECCA A. LANGLAIS	MA
PAUL D. MCDOW	MA
BARRENT C. PEASE	MA
JONATHAN D. SR MBRALLS	MA
JONATHAN C. GENTRY	MD
ISR MBRAIL ROBBANA	MD
RIKKI A. ELLISON	ME
JONATHAN R. PELLETIER	ME
CHRISTOPHER W. STAPLES	ME
MELISSA JACKLETT	MI
JESSICA M. ANDRIE	MN
PATRICIA L. FRIESE	MN
ERICA N. HAGEN	MN
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BRETT P. JOHNSON	MN
BRITTANY L. KURZWEG	MN
DANIEL RAMER	MO
STEPHANIE L. STILLPASS	MO
JOSHUA C. SUERMANN	MO
JOHN D. GREEN	NE
NATHAN P. GREEN	NE
JORDAN A. MUELLER	NE
BENJAMIN E. JARRELL	NH
BERNARD G. ANTONOVICH	NJ

ANTHONY J. DUVA	NJ
WADE Z. GIBSON	NJ
WILLIAM J. HANNAN	NJ
GREGORY J. LIS	NJ
JANIS L. MERCADANTE	NJ
BRADFORD W. PETRICK	NJ
JONATHAN D. STANDLEY	NJ
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SCOTT Z. DOLAR	UT
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KEVIN M. JACOBS	WA
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COL DAVID C. MCGINLEY	SWR	24 JUN 00-20 JUL 02
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LT COL. EUGENE T. SULLIVAN	NCS	1 JUN 99-28 FEB 03

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115TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON	AR	1 JAN 00 - 24 NOV 02
LANTANA LAKE WORTH CADET SQ	FL	19 NOV 01 - 19 NOV 02
FINGER LAKES GROUP DRILL TEAM	NY	1 OCT 01 - 7 JUL 02
BELLINGHAM COMPOSITE SQUADRON	WA	11 OCT 01 - 31 MAR 02

CIVIL AIR PATROL RETIREMENTS

LT COL CHARLES M. BROWN	TN	28 AUG 61 - 31 DEC 02	41 YRS
LTCOL CARMEN L. CANALS	PR	23 OCT 98 - 31 OCT 02	29 YRS
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LT COL THOMAS B. THEIS	MN	28 AUG 68 - 28 FEB 02	34 YRS
LT COL STANLEY M. FRIEDMAN	CO	28 OCT 80 - 31 OCT 02	22 YRS
LT COL DAVID S. RENNIE	FL	28 OCT 77 - 31 OCT 02	25 YRS
LT COL WILLIAM N. SCHULTZ JR.	NC	28 JAN 80 - 31 JAN 03	23 YRS
MAJ ARLIE J. SARTIN	FL	28 DEC 72 - 31 DEC 02	30 YRS
CAPT THOMAS J. CANAVAN	NY	28 DEC 79 - 30 SEP 02	23 YRS
CAPT LOUIS W. STAALBERG	AZ	28 DEC 77 - 31 DEC 02	25 YRS
1ST LT FREDERICK J. CHAMBERS	CA	28 JUN 77 - 30 JUN 02	25 YRS
1ST LT LEE W. FRIEDMAN	CO	28 DEC 82 - 31 DEC 02	20 YRS

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MAINE — How sweet can turning 16 be? For Cadet Tech. Sgt. Jessica Cheney of the Augusta-Gardiner Composite Squadron, real sweet!

On her 16th birthday, Cheney soloed in one of the wing Cessna C-172s, and Maine Wing Commander Col. James Linker awarded Cheney her pilot wings.

Cheney has been a member of CAP for 1½ years. She is a cadet flight commander and commander of the Maine Wing Color Guard.

1st Lt. Joline Pelletier



Cadet Jessica Cheney

MAINE — The Machias Valley Composite Squadron color guard had the honor of leading the 2002 Machias, Maine, Christmas Parade at the request of the town manager and CAP member 2nd Lt. Christine Therrien.

The color guard members were: Cadet Commander Master Sergeant David Roth, Cadet Master Sergeant Christopher Look, Cadet Airman 1st Class William Bellows, and Cadet Airman Corey Landeen, was buffeted by winter winds gusting to 25 miles per hour while marching past cold but happy parade-goers.

Backing up the color guard, Squadron Commander Capt. Wayne Merritt drove the CAP van, with Maj. Jim Raymond, 1st Lt. Elaine Merritt, 2nd Lt. Ken Varian, and Senior Member Karen Varian assisting in

supervision and parade lineup.

Sr. Mbr. Karen Vivian

MASSACHUSETTS — Cadets and senior members of the Hanscom Composite Squadron attended the commissioning of the U.S. Navy's new destroyer the USS Preble.

The ceremony took place at the World Trade Center Pier in Boston. Those participating were offered a tour of the ship after dedication ceremonies were concluded.

Participants included: Sr. Mbr. Alice O'Connell, 1st Lt. Richalie Griffith, Cadet Kate O'Connell, Sr. Flight Officer Russell Sandow, Cadet Mark Rosetti, Cadet Peter White, Capt. John Flaherty, Cadet Christopher Duffy, Cadet Jeff Heitman, 1st Lt. William Duffy and Cadet David Druga.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy gave the principal address and Connie Rae Clark (Preble), wife of the chief of naval operations, Adm. Vern Clark, presented the time-honored tradition of giving the order to, "Man our ship and bring her to life."

The ship was named after Commodore Edward Preble, who was born on Aug. 15, 1761, and became a pioneer in naval and Merchant Marine service. Five previous U.S. Navy ships have borne his name.

Capt. David Cleveland

NEW YORK — A family's discovery of an unusual object during a winter trek on a beach resulted in a search by both the U.S. Coast Guard and CAP in the Oswego, N.Y., area on Dec. 21.

The family found an emergency positioning indicating radio beacon that was transmitting a distress signal — a signal that was being picked up a search and rescue satellite.

"This falls under the heading of, 'you never know what you could pick up on the beach,'" said Lt. Col. Steve Perta, New York Wing vice commander.

"The couple found the device, which had washed up on the beach Dec. 20, while walking with their children and dog. They picked up the beacon and brought it home, not knowing

what it was."

In the meantime, the Coast Guard responded to the distress beacon. But, they thought it might have been an emergency transmitter that broke away from a vessel that sunk off the coast of Oswego in Lake Ontario about a month ago and perhaps activated as it washed ashore. They searched the shoreline from Oswego Harbor to Alcan. They found debris, but no distress beacon, so they contacted the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va., to dispatch the CAP.

The New York Wing was alerted and Perta was assigned the role of incident commander. He alerted the Central New York Group, which dispatched teams from the Greater Oswego County Composite Squadron.

Personnel assembled at a command post at the Oswego County Airport in Fulton.

Even though high winds and lake-effect snow prevented the launch of the wing's search aircraft, Perta said he was able to use satellite positioning data to direct a ground team to the exact street intersection in Oswego. The team acquired the beacon's signal, and using ground-based direction finding equipment, they were able to track the signal to a home on Smith Beach Road.

When the family returned home and saw the note, they contacted Perta and was told how to deactivate the EPIRB.

The squadron ground team and command post members were: Lt. Col. Fred Bullard, commander; Capt. Francis Sussey, senior programs officer; 1st Lt. Horace Zellar, communications officer; 1st Lt. Earl Holdren, aerospace education officer; Sr. Mbr. Robert LaMay, finance officer; and Sr. Mbr. Grant Sussey of Constantia, Administrative Officer.

Sr. Mbr. Bob Stronach

PENNSYLVANIA — Fifteen members of the Doylestown Composite Squadron flew in a KC-10 from Maguire AFB, N.J., to Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Fla.

When their departure flight was delayed, the 12 cadets and three senior members visited the

"Battle Lab" at Fort Dix, N.J.

While there, the members received a tour of the brand new, multimillion dollar facility, which features a computerized target practice field that simulates many different combat situations, such as: desert, urban, jungle, etc. Each squadron member had a chance to shoot a mock M-16. A computer attached to the simulator tracks the number of shots fired and the number of hits achieved.

Participants were: Senior members — Capt. Dan Pompei, 2nd Lt. Joann Cookman, 2nd Lt. Michael Hafner; and Cadets — Senior Master Sgts. Bill Walker and Natasha Suszko, Airmen 1st Class Michael Abbott and Luke Wright, Airmen Kyle Lange, Michael Vanacore, Evan Brandriff, Rebecca Rymal and Kristin Comly, Jacob Cowan, and Flight Officer Vincenzo Tucciarone.

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MARYLAND — When 2nd Lt. Michael Zabetakis received an e-mail asking for snack food items to be sent to U.S. troops in Afghanistan from an associate whose son is stationed there, he took the request to the members of the Carroll Composite Squadron.

This seemed such a small thing to do for America's troops who have been called upon to serve our country after "9/11."

The squadron has since sent seven packages totaling 193 pounds of snack food items.

"Things we take for granted here in the states are a lot harder to come by over there," said Zabetakis.

Return-address flyers were placed into the packages and members were hoping for return

NJ award winner



Photo by Capt. W. Blonski

Cadet Danielle Benhamou of New Jersey Wing's Gen. Jimmy Stewart Composite Squadron receives a Commanders Commendation from the mayor of Sayreville, N.J., Kennedy O'Brien, as Group 223 Commander Lt. Col. Thomas Bubb looks on. Benhamou received the award for being named honor cadet during the week-long 2002 Tri-Wing Encampment.

last July, Mikutaitis and Capt. Heather Weiss of the Pennsylvania Wing, a second-generation Hawk Mountain graduate, worked diligently to coordinate their teams to produce a successful ranger weekend in South Carolina. Weiss is part of the "Traveling Ranger Show," a select group of Hawk Mountain graduates who travel at their own expense and take vacation time in order to teach advanced survival skills to CAP groups nationwide.

When Hawk Mountain visits, the local wing provides the leadership and logistics, while rangers provide the classes. In South Carolina, Capt. Sherri Lind, director of Cadet Programs, arranged for the mission number and secured funds. Capt. Ted Sutton, the assistant project officer, handled logistics and secured the site, courtesy of Joe Bailey and Rodrigo Vasquez. Sue Mikutaitis planned two meals. Teaching were rangers: Lt. Col. Jeanne Weiss, Heather Weiss, 1st Lt. Jason Phipps, 2nd Lt. Jonathan Blumenfield and 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Hornbach.

Other participants included: Sr. Mbr. Thomas Bowden, cadets Maj. Joshua Fugle, Capt. Andrew Sutton, 1st Lts. Everett Hite and Jeff Lucas, 2nd Lt. Chris Laws, Senior Master Sgt. David McFall, Master Sgts. Chad Israel and Triston Mikutaitis, Tech. Sgt. Walter Hurley, Senior Airmen Chris Jackson and John Meekins, Airmen James Bowden and Ronald Grimley, and Airman Basic Patrick Williams.

According to Sutton, cadet commander for this event, the ranger training is invaluable. "You hope you'll never have to use your Hawk Mountain training, but you'll always be glad you have it," he said.

2d Lt. Susan Crowson Hite

GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER
COL. WILLIAM W. WEBB

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS — The Illinois Wing's Palwaukee Composite Squadron held its annual Holiday and Awards Banquet in Wheeling, Ill.

2nd Lt. Jeff Groh was presented with the Member of the Year Award by Palwaukee squadron commander Lt. Col. Charles Boyle.



2nd Lt.
Jeff Groh

Groh joined CAP in the Fall of 2001 and quickly became an integral part of his home unit and the wing. He is always more than willing to go "the extra mile," and his detailed knowledge of the framework of CAP's regulations has made him an invaluable resource to units across north-eastern Illinois.

In addition to his CAP work, Groh is also an active member of the Red Cross, and participates in ministry outreach programs at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

1st Lt. Bob Williams

INDIANA — Lt. Col. Robert McGillem of the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron was honored for his 50 years of exemplary service in Civil Air Patrol in a ceremony during the a squadron meeting.



Lt. Col.
Robert
McGillem

Col. Charles Greenwood, Indiana Wing commander, presented McGillem with a plaque commemorating his hard work and dedication. McGillem joined the CAP in September 1952 and served in many squadron and wing positions including: squadron commander, encampment commander and wing inspection officer.

McGillem has given many years of service to CAP, and continues to do so as the squadron's testing officer.

McGillem's advice to other members is, "Don't give up. There are always times when you wonder why you're in the organization, but just work through those. Then you'll find there's a lot more good times than bad."

Cadet Maj. Philip Foust

ILLINOIS — Cadets of the Weir Cook Cadet Squadron went on a two-day, one-night winter camp-out at Morgan Monroe State Forest.

The camp-out focused on basic camping skills for newer inexperienced cadets. Hiking, food preparation and cold

weather camping were all part of the experience. The temperature dove to between 10 and 18 degrees during the night, but the cadets' spirits remained high.

Participants were: Cadets Airmen Basic Luke Alley, Sean Curtis, Jasmine, Grimes and Nichole Simms; Airmen Andrew Ross; Airman 1st Class Ron Trackwell; Senior Master Sgt. Jordan Walters; Chief Master Sgt. Jon Walters; and Maj. Philip M. Foust; and senior members Ruth Wells, 1st Lt. Haney, and Maj. Gary Brockman.

Cadet Senior Master Sgt.
Jordan Walters

MICHIGAN — Five members of the Van Dyke Cadet Squadron were promoted while another achieved a significant milestone in their Civil Air Patrol career.

Squadron cadet commander John Padavan was promoted to technical sergeant while his assistant, Kimberly Aten, was promoted to staff sergeant.

Two parents, Allen Trillich and his wife, Patricia, who joined the squadron early last winter with their son, were promoted to second lieutenant, along with Donald Paulin, the unit's safety officer. David D'Arcy, after serving on and off with the Civil Air Patrol for more than 10 years was promoted to first lieutenant.

Capt. Pam Paulin, squadron deputy commander, who has provided inspiration and encouragement to unit members, received her Paul E. Garber Award along with a clasp signifying her completion of Squadron Officer's School.

The awards were presented by a friend of the unit — Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Michael Cole, chief of plans for the 927th Air Refueling Squadron at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. Cole flew squadron members on an air refueling mission earlier in the year.

1st Lt. David J. D'Arcy

WISCONSIN — Eight members of the new Door County Senior Squadron attended a practice search and rescue mission in Monroe, Wisc.

Twelve aircraft and 10 ground teams from other squadrons around the state also participated in the two-day exercise.

Search aircraft attempted to locate targets scattered across southern Wisconsin simulating downed aircraft. Ground teams were then guided to the target by the circling aircraft.

Maj. Richard Follmer, squadron commander, trained with the mission incident commander, Col. Larry Nack,

correspondence.

2nd Lt. Michael Zabetakis

SOUTH CAROLINA — South Carolina Wing held its annual Fall Cadet Training Weekend in Columbia, S.C.

More than 200 basic cadets and nearly 40 cadet staff members from across the wing participated in this event, along with more than 15 senior members and civilian support people.

The weekend was held at W.A. Perry Middle School, which provided more than ample dining, lodging, training and classroom facilities. The school's grounds were put to good use for everything from tug-o-war to the pass-in-review.

The wing's cadet training weekends occur once in the fall and once in the spring. The aim of the weekends is twofold: To provide basic cadets with the skills necessary to advance in CAP and to prepare cadets and staff for summer encampment.

The fall CTW incorporates the traditional training schedule, including intense instruction in the fields of drill and ceremonies, proper wear of the uniform, CAP history, customs and courtesies, and CAP physical fitness program. Also included with the normal course of instruction was a block of emergency services training.

While cadets with little or no experience were given a general

emergency services class, almost 45 experienced cadets were given hands-on lessons in advanced line search and electronic direction-finding techniques.

After an entire weekend of exhausting learning, cadets and staff lined up on Sunday morning in mass formation and began the pass-in-review. Following a brief speech by 1st Lt. Michael Desrochers, the encampment commander, hundreds of parents and family members looked on as their cadets marched proudly past.

Cadet 1st Lt. Everett Hite

SOUTH CAROLINA — The "Traveling Ranger Show" came to Lake Murray, S.C., for intense, one-on-one survival-skills training led by Pennsylvania Wing rangers.

The weekend featured a rigorous series of classes ranging from maps and navigation to improvised shelter building to the use of search dogs and the importance of preserving a crash site.

This interregional training session was the brainstorm of 2nd Lt. Michael Mikutaitis of the Lexington Squadron, who served as project officer. Mikutaitis had seen firsthand the positive impact Pennsylvania's Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School training has on young people.

From their initial meeting

who coordinated the exercise.

Other participants included: Sr. Mbr. Ron Marto, aircraft safety checks; Sr. Mbr. Art Dilley, monitoring dispatched aircraft; and Sr. Mbr. Nick Marto, communications van. 2nd Lt. Mike Egan and Sr. Mbr. Gerald Wautier were in search aircraft scanning for targets.

A few hours into the exercise, four members of the Air Force, who were present to monitor the training, provided a challenge. They went to the incident commander with a story about an airplane that took off two hours ago and is now missing. They provided information about the pilot, type and color of the airplane, departure airport, and destination. The monitors watched and graded the operation as plans were made and implemented to find the airplane.

A search aircraft took off to fly the route the missing airplane would have flown. Ground teams were readied to go to airports in the area of the route of flight to see if it had landed somewhere else. 1st Lt. Peter Evers, information officer, prepared a press release.

The search aircraft finished flying the route without spotting the target. The pilot of the search aircraft was now directed to fly back and forth in lines a mile apart, as the search was

expanded to a larger area. Finally, Sr. Mbr. Dave Fish, aircraft scanner, spotted the orange and brown parachute that was the 'missing airplane' and radioed in its location to mission headquarters.

"Our squadron learned a lot over the past two days," said Follmer. "They have been working for a couple of months on SAR. A lot of the theory and procedures they have been studying came together this weekend. We still have more to study and practice, but this was really a great learning experience."

1st Lt. Peter Evers

SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. ANTONIO J. PINEDA

ALABAMA * FLORIDA *
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PUERTO RICO * TENNESSEE

GEORGIA — Members of Peachtree City-Falcon Field Composite Squadron held their

annual Christmas banquet and awards ceremony.

Guest speaker was Congressman Mac Collins, who also holds the grade of lieutenant colonel in the CAP Congressional Squadron.

The evening's ceremonies were opened by the presentation of the colors by a cadet honor guard. The cadets then conducted a moving ceremony of remembrance of America's POWs and MIAs.

In his speech, Collins spoke of the heroism of all who have served our country in uniform, and praised the cadets "who are working hard to become good citizens." He was joined by Georgia Wing Commander Col. Don Greene, Group 3 Commander Lt. Col. Joe L. Knight III, and squadron commander Maj. Vincent L. Murray II to present awards and promotions.

Collins presented the top two awards to brothers Cadet Matt Morgan, who received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award and a promotion to second lieutenant, and older brother Tim, who received the Amelia Earhart Award and a promotion to captain.

Cadet Maj. John D. Waters, was recognized as the squadron Cadet of The Year. Senior member 2nd Lt. Janet Mellard, a CAP member for only 13 months, was named Senior

Member of The Year.

Lt. Col. Philip F. Bowden

LOUISIANA — Cadets Airman 1st Class Cole Doiron and Mathieu DeRouche of the LeBlanc Cadet Squadron were riding in a C-172 with pilot Maj. Steve Caldas of the Lafayette Senior Squadron during an orientation flight.

The flight was to be flown from the Houma airport to Patterson airport, and back.

Since it was squadron family day, LeBlanc squadron commander 1st Lt. Teresa Robichaux wanted to demonstrate how an aircraft could hone in on a practice emergency locator transmitter. However, the demonstration turned into an actual Air Force mission when Dorion detected a real signal on the plane's direction-finder equipment.

In communications with the plane, ground and Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va. — much of it witnessed by the surprised parents — the aircrew and ground crews verified the authenticity of the signal. Using the aircraft's global positioning system, the cadets worked together to write down the coordinates and radio the position back to Robichaux.

The AFRCC issued a mission number, and Lt. Col. Micky Marchand of the Ascension Parish Composite Squadron was designated incident commander. After landing and deplaning the cadets, Caldas flew to the coordinates to verify an ELT signal was still being sent. Robichaux and her husband, Maj. Clyde Robichaux, director of cadet programs for the wing, drove to the suspected signal's location. After searching for several hours, they finally located an EPIRB going off on the shelf of a lectern in a Morgan City technical school, and turned it off.

Maj. Steve Caldas

Flint Hills Composite Squadron joined about 7,000 other people in helping Fort Riley in Kansas celebrate its 150th birthday.

The Army post was originally established to protect early settlers as they traveled westward, but has evolved into a modern-day war-fighting center.

The squadron had a recruiting booth and a static display consisting of vehicles, search and rescue and communication equipment, and action photos to tell the CAP story.

Col. Tim Hansen

MISSOURI — Cadets from the Richards-Gebaur Composite Squadron provided color-guard support for Veteran's Day observances in two cities.

Their first duty was providing the presentation of colors for the Peculiar, Mo., Lion's Club's Veteran's Day Breakfast.

Cadets Senior Master Sgt. Zachary Packingham served as primary and Airman Eric Thompson as the POW/MIA secondary flag-bearer; with Staff Sgt. Scott Knight and Airman Chris Roper handling guard duties. Airman Isaac Knight served as the alternate and assistant to the commander for the event.

Following the ceremonies, the team met with Congresswoman Karen McCarthey, who praised their performance, reminded them to contact her for their academy appointments and encouraged them in their youthful service to America.

Immediately following the breakfast, the team proceeded to Belton, Mo., where they marched in the city's Veteran's Day Parade. Packingham and Thompson served as the primary and secondary flag-bearers; with the Knight brothers performing guard duties. Lt. Cols. Gary Gregory and John Baker, squadron deputy commander, followed the color guard in the commander's vehicle with emergency lights flashing.

Alabama squadron of merit



Photo by Mark Huchette

Members of the Civil Air Patrol's Maxwell Composite Squadron pose for a group picture with Col. Al Allenback, CAP executive director, after being awarded the Alabama Wing's 2002 Squadron of Merit Award. The squadron received the award for its numerous successes, including an aggressive recruiting and retention program, and active orientation flight program.

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Commander Maj. Cynthia

Runkel presented the Exceptional Service Award to Capt. Cliff Owens, commander of the Tucson Composite Squadron in a brief ceremony at squadron headquarters on Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

According to the citation accompanying the award, Owens was instrumental in organizing a team from Arizona which represented the Southwest Region in the National Color Guard Competition held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

This award isn't just for me. It's for the whole team," said Owens.

Lt. Col. Barbara Mathews

ARIZONA — The Tucson Composite Squadron color guard took first place in five out of seven events at the Arizona Wing Color Guard Competition at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

The events were: Written test, mile run, indoor, outdoor, and overall.

The team also placed second in inspection and standard drill.

The squadron color guard will go on to compete at the Southwest Region competition in Oklahoma in March.

Lt. Col. Barbara Mathews

NEW MEXICO — Eight months of training came to an end for six cadets from the Los Alamos Composite Squadron as they traveled to Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif., to compete in the Footlocker West Regional Cross Country Championships.

The squadron's first competitor — cadet Senior Master Sgt. Curtis Christensen — ran the two-miler with a time of 12:15, and finished 31st out of 104 runners.

The rest of the cadets, all high school students, ran in 5K races.

Cadet Airman Mike Wermer ran the race of his life in the senior boys race, and finished within seconds of his targeted time of 18:55. Wermer was 75th overall.

"It was very hot and extremely hard! But I met my goal — I finished the race," said the lone female cadet, cadet Senior Master Sgt. Marit Christensen.

Cadet Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Roybal ran his 5K in 18:39, finishing 51st out of a field of 160 runners.

By the time race number 17 arrived, southern California had warmed up significantly. Cadet Airman 1st Class Teddy Atkins was disappointed in his race. "It was just a bad day for me."

Cadet Airman 1st Class

Chris Schramm ran his race in 19:54. For several minutes following his run, all Schramm could say was, "That was so hard!"

2nd Lt. Gretta Christensen

TEXAS — Members of the Plano Mustang Composite Squadron were called on to search for an aircraft emergency locator transmitter signal, which was reported by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., in the area of the Dallas Executive Airport.

Five squadron members — Capt. Steve LaMonte, squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Paul Salos, Maj. Daryl Booth, 1st Lt. Ian Torok and cadet Maj. Jason Tyra responded to the call.

The team arrived on site at approximately at 10:20 p.m. and received a strong signal coming from the rows of hangars on the southeast corner of the airport. Within minutes, they located the hangar. The hangar owners were notified and the ELT was secured.

Lt. Col. C. Jack Faas

TEXAS — Members of the Thunderbolt and Plano Mustang Composite squadrons hosted six other Dallas-area squadrons in a joint ground search and rescue exercise and operations training exercises at Erwin Park in McKinney, Texas.

More than 80 cadets and senior members took part in the three-day training session for qualification for ground team and ground team leader qualifications.

Covered during the SAREX was every aspect of emergency locator transmitter searches, first aid to emergency shelter and fire building, which took place during three days of continuous rain, wind, mud and cold weather.

Lt. Col. C. Jack Faas

TEXAS — Cadet Col. Jeremy LaMonte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven LaMonte of Plano, Texas, and member of the Plano Composite Squadron, has been selected as the Texas Wing Male Cadet of the Year.

LaMonte is a Junior at Plano Senior High School and is also involved in the Army JROTC program as a platoon leader and drill team executive officer, and is also a member of his high school's orchestra.

LaMonte was chosen for the award because of his outstanding involvement and contributions in aviation as a solo pilot, his involvement in squadron, group and wing activities, and for his leadership skills.

LaMonte was also selected as Squadron Male Cadet of the Year in 2000 and the NCO of the Year in 1998.

"To me, this award means you should always try your best, no matter how insignificant it may seem."

Lt. Col. C. Jack Faas

TEXAS — Diamondback Composite Squadron member Cadet Master Sgt. William Stephen Gribble achieved the Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts.

Boy Scout Troop 5 honored Gribble at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Gribble is the son of Guy and Denise Gribble of Dalworthington Gardens, Texas.

In just over nine years as a Scout, Gribble earned the God and Country Religious Award and Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Only two percent of Scouts attain the highest rank — Eagle Scout — in the Boy Scouts. Even smaller is the percent of Scouts that earn both the Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout.

Gribble is a sophomore at Arlington High School and is also active in the orchestra, the German Club, Air Force JROTC and Orienteering/Rappelling Venture Crew.

Gribble's future plans



To express their support of America and the country's response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, cadets of Hawaii Wing's Lyman Field Composite Squadron wave American flags at cars driving by on

PACIFIC REGION

COMMANDER
COL. PHILLIP S. GROSHONG

ALASKA ★ CALIFORNIA
HAWAII ★ NEVADA
OREGON ★ WASHINGTON

ALASKA — The Southeast Composite Squadron held its annual anniversary/awards banquet.

The distinguished guest speaker for the event was Rear Adm. James W. Underwood, commander of the 17th Coast Guard District, and awards were presented by squadron commander Maj. Boyce Bingham.

The following unit members received awards: Senior Member of the Year — Jon Alghren; Top Flyer Award — Bingham; Observer of the Year — 1st Lt. Bob Matson; Special Achievement — Sr. Mbr. Gordon Sandy; Lifetime Membership — Maj. K. Steve Sztuk; 50 Years of Service — Maj. K. Steve Sztuk; Grover Loening Award — Sztuk and Bingham; Garber Award — Bingham; Amelia Earhart Award — Cadet Andrew Bauer.

The following members were promoted: Capt. Marvin Adams; 1st Lts. Doug Jones and Gordon Sandy.

Maj. Jean Sztuk

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

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WYOMING

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION — Col. Jackie Floyd, Rocky Mountain Region vice commander (West), presented the U.S. Marine Corps with numerous toy animals for their Toys for Tots program.

The stuffed animals came to Floyd in a unique way. Her wedding invitations requested all gifts be in the form of toys specifically for the Marine program.

"This is a very worthy effort and I am happy to be able to do this to help them reach their goal," Floyd said during the presentation at the Fort Collins (Colo.) Marine Recruiting Center.

Maj. Stephen Blucher

HAWAII — Holding up a CAP banner with a Sept. 11 message, about 20 cadets with Hawaii Wing's Lyman Field Composite Squadron stood in a Hilo, Hawaii, drizzle to show their support for the United States and its message to the world.

Two flights of cadets in "blues" assembled at the unit's hangar and were ferried to the highway adjacent to the Hilo airport at General Lyman Field. With a little guidance from a few senior members, the cadets lined up and waved American flags starting at 5:30 p.m. Passing drivers expressed their feelings by honking and waving.

The operation had been scheduled to last an hour, and, in spite of the rain, the cadets stuck it out.

Afterward, the group returned to the hangar and enjoyed hot dogs, nachos, juice, sodas and cookies — courtesy of a couple of dedicated seniors and squadron funds.

After the cadets were settled, a senior member who is a full-time Air National Guardsman gave the group an inspiring talk on the meaning of America's response to the events on Sept. 11.

Capt. George Curtis

NEVADA — Airman 1st Class Jordan Anise-Levine of the Reno Composite Squadron was recognized as the Army JROTC Cadet of the Month at Robert McQueen High School in Reno.

Jordan was also recently featured on the ABC affiliate, KOLO-TV in Reno for his participation in the SKYWARN Recognition weekend. This program links up amateur radio operators with the National Weather Service's weather spotter program. Jordan has participated in this program for several years.

In addition, Jordan was recognized for his participation in community service with a nomination for the Hiram Percy Maxim Award sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League.

Jordan is also slated to have a conversation with the International Space Station in the near future. He will participate as an amateur radio operator for his World Geography class at McQueen High School.

NEVADA — Fifty senior members and cadets of the Reno Composite Squadron attended the unit's annual awards banquet Dec. 8 at Jakes Place in Reno.

Certificates of appreciation

were presented to the following senior members for their help at fund-raising events, recruiting and training: 2nd Lt. Mike Berdan, Lt. Col. Bob Berrington, Capt. Dan Hale, Sr. Mbr. Janet Henshaw, Lt. Col. Jim Nicholson, 2nd Lt. Tom Pagnano, Sr. Mbr. Al Scheinerman and 1st Lt. Terry Vanzant.

2nd Lt. Nancy Akerson received the Cadet Mentor of the Year plaque.

"Nancy went above and beyond this year in performing the extremely challenging and often thankless job of running the cadet program," said squadron commander Maj. Shyle Irigoin. "She continues to provide overall vision and guidance for the cadet program."

Maj. Russ Johnson was awarded the Outstanding Squadron Supporter of the Year plaque.

"The great success of the squadron's fund-raising efforts has been due, in large part, to Russ' ongoing work with Sodexo," Irigoin said. Sodexo continues to provide us fund-raising opportunities at Lawlor Events Center, which hosts local concerts and sports activities. Johnson has served in a variety of roles for squadron staff over the past year.

2nd Lt. Randy McLain

received the Senior Member of the Year trophy.

"Randy has been very active in all areas of the squadron," said Irigoin. "His expert management of the squadron's Web site provides a professional, easy-to-access information source and recruiting tool. He's eager to make the squadron the best it can be, and gives a positive example of how efforts of an individual member can greatly benefit the entire unit."

1st Lt. Judi Robins was awarded Squadron Staff Member of the Year plaque.

"Judi is the person responsible for putting together the squadron newsletter and taking it to the squadron Web site, which has been an invaluable way of keeping all members up to date on news and activities," said Irigoin. "She also serves as the unit's communications officer, as well as public affairs officer — two very challenging and time-consuming duties."

Besides keeping the squadron informed internally, Robins also keeps the community informed about CAP activities via public service announcements to local TV and radio stations and articles to local newspapers.

Capt. Jack Wilsey received

the Squadron New Member of the Year trophy.

"Jack joined the program in late 2001, bringing with him a great deal of enthusiasm," said Irigoin. "He volunteers his time and talents whenever possible, actively participating in the unit's various activities."

Cadet David Akerson was honored with the Cadet Member of the Year plaque. "David has showed consistent leadership and always presents a positive image to the community," said

Irigoin.

The squadron also received a proclamation from Reno Mayor Bob Cashell announcing the first week of December as CAP Week in the city. This was the second proclamation in two years awarded to the Reno Squadron by a Reno mayor.

A special certificate of appreciation went to "JP" — the owner of Jakes Place — for his ongoing fund-raising assistance over the past few years.

1st Lt. Judi Robins

The Final Salute

Capt. Clarence C. Arno
Wheeling Composite Squadron
Ohio Wing

Lt. Col. Anthony Bessara
Wheeler Composite Squadron
Hawaii Wing

Sr. Mbr. Elizabeth Castaner
Weston Cadet Squadron
Florida Wing

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Pangborn Composite Squadron
Washington Wing

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Aerospace Education Member
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New York Wing

Lt. Col. Charles J. Dudley
Bronson Tri-Lakes
Composite Squadron
Missouri Wing

1st Lt. Winifred E. Gates
Group 6 Headquarters
Texas Wing

Lt. Col. Albert L. Hanson
Group 223
New Jersey Wing

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Squadron
Virginia Wing

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Wheeler Composite Squadron
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Capt. Elizabeth F. Husband
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